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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEDIA ATTACKS ON DEUTSCHE WELLE AND BBC

BUT NOT ON VOICE OF AMERICA

1. ETHIOPIAN TELEVISION ON JANUARY 25 AND THE ETHIOPIAN HERALD ON JANUARY 26 CARRIED STRONG CRITICISM OF DEUTSCHE WELLE AND THE BBC FOR THEIR USE IN RECENT BROADCASTS OF REPORTS THAT THERE IS WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION TO ETHIOPIA'S PRESENT RURAL DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN BEING CONDUCTED BY STUDENTS. IT WAS CHARGED THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT ONLY NONSENSE BUT ARE "INTENDED TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THOSE OPPOSED TO ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM."

2. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN RECENT WEEKS WHEN DEUTSCHE WELLE AND BBC BUT NOT THE VOICE OF AMERICA HAVE BEEN STRONGLY ATTACKED IN THIS FASHION. WE HEAR VARIOUS REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE GERMANS ARE SUBJECTED TO MORE HARASSMENT IN ETHIOPIA THESE DAYS THAN OTHER EUROPEANS. THE FREQUENTLY INACCURATE BROADCASTS OF DEUTSCHE WELLE ARE PROBABLY PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. WE ARE GLAD THAT VOA BY STICKING TO HARD  
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NEWS EVEN AT THE COST OF THE TIME LAG OCCASIONALLY

REQUIRED TO CONFIRM REPORTS IN THE CURRENT ETHIOPIAN  
ENVIRONMENT HAS NOT AGGRAVATED THE SIGNIFICANT SECURITY  
PROBLEMS WHICH ALREADY EXIST FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
HERE.  
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